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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JAPAN, MAY 9, 1978

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1. TALK IN NEW YORK (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE FINAL WRAP UP SESSION OF THE JAPAN STUDY GROUP IN THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS MAY 8 LACKED COMPLETELY THE FEISTY CRITICAL ATMOSPHERE OF EARLIER MEETINGS. INSTEAD PURRING OVER THE FUKU A VISIT COULD BE HEARD, PUNCTUATED BY YAWN. I FOUND MYSELF REMINDING THE PARTICIPANTS (AMONG THEM WIN LORD, DON ZAGORIA, GERRY CURTIS, AND JIM MORLEY)
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THAT SMILES NOTWITHSTANDING, THE DEEP ISSUES REMAINED, WITH SOLUTIONS A LONG WAY AWAY. THE SESSION CLOSED ON NOTE OF CONSENSUS THAT US-JAPAN RELATIONS WERE IN GENERALLY GOOD SHAPE DESPITE THE STRAINS OF THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD TRY TO MAINTAIN OVER THE LONGER RUN THE HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST IN THE REGION REPRESENTED BY THE MONDALE TRIP, THE FUKUDA VISIT, AND THE BRZEZINSKI VISIT TO

CHINA, JAPAN AND KOREA, PARTICIPANTS FELT.

2. ADDITIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CONF)

AMBASSADOR TOGO MET WITH DR. FRANK PRESS, THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR, ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, TO DISCUSS WAYS TO FURTHER US-JAPAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. (IN HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER ON MAY 3, PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA RAISED THE ISSUE OF COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR FUSION, SOLAR ENERGY AND GEOTHERMAL FIELDS; AND THE PRESIDENT MENTIONED DEEP SEA DRILLING AND HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS AS EXAMPLES OF AREAS OF TECHNOLOGY IN WHICH WE MIGHT COOPERATE.) TOGO EXPRESSED THE PRIME MINISTER'S APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN THIS AREA. PRESS ASKED TOGO TO CONSIDER THE LEVEL OF EFFORT ENVISAGED BY THE GOJ AND THE DESIRABILITY OF AN EARLY VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY A SUITABLE JAPANESE DELEGATION. WE ARE PREPARING A MORE COMPLETE REPORT ON THE MEETING FOR EMBASSY TOKYO. VANCE

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